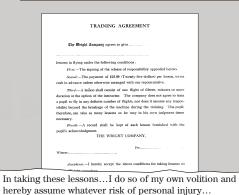
...the instructor...is ever present and ready to take charge should the pupil make any serious mistake. By this method the usual dangers in learning to fly are eliminated and all wreckage of the machine is avoided....The company assumes responsibility for all damage to machines during training.

Wright School of Aviation brochure

## Wright School paperwork



Witness:

Training Agreement



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In all, 119 young pilots—both civilian and military—learned to fly here. The stone outline on the ground ahead shows the location of the flying school's hangar, seen below.

A bronze tablet at the Wright Memorial on the tall bluff behind you records the student pilots' names.

## A School for Flyers









As soon as the Wrights solved the riddles of how to build a practical flying machine, they stopped test flying here. For the next five years, the world's first airport went back to being just a marshy pasture.

The brothers' next steps were the same as any other astute businessmen of their time. They secured patent rights, and began to promote their new product internationally. And in 1910, the Wrights began to charge eager adventurers a fee to learn how to do what the brothers had risked life and limb to master.

When their first student pilots soloed here, Orville and Wilbur themselves had flown full circle. In 1904, the Wrights had entered this pasture as fledgling flyers. Six years later, they returned as professors of the air.